

MINUTES
March 20, 1997

The Education Standards and Practices Board meeting was called to order by Maryjane Martens, Chair. Board members present were: Dr. Mary Harris, Dr. Doug Johnson, Linda Davis, Sue Andrews, Randy Gordon and Michael Schatz, Dr. Gary Gronberg, ex-officio Board member, Marilyn Ridenhower, Executive Director, and Deb Jensen, Intern.

Board members absent were: Bev Sandness and Don Haugen.

Visitors present were: Helen Busche and Faye Reimers from NDEA and Gaylynn Becker and Clarence Bina from DPI.

A motion was made by Doug to approve the minutes from the February 20 meeting. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

Marilyn reported on the financial statement. She pointed out to the Board the \$2,000.00 ISD charges. Marilyn only approved \$20 worth of work. After the legislative session, Marilyn will continue to ask for clarification on the ISD charges. Motion made by Sue to approve the financial statement. Seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

Marilyn distributed the SFN 9019 (revised) teaching application. The size has been changed making the document easier to work with. The Board made the following recommendations for a future revision: PART V--college section should be in bolder print. She also presented to the Board the e-mail appointment of the subcommittee to the Education Improvement Team. The subcommittee is taking over professional development. The Goals 2,000 plan indicated that DPI/ESPB need to be working closely. Why was Deb not included? Deb asked Gary Gronberg for clarification regarding the committee's charge and our charge for professional development and how our partnership would be connected. Could Greg Gallagher explain the plan to the board at our next meeting? Deb needs to be part of this by state mandate.

Deb mentioned to the Board that she was working on developing a flow chart on the certification process. Maryjane then suggested the Board be informed of the various form letters that the office sends. Marilyn suggested that this could be an agenda item for the June retreat and the segment be done by Diane and Bonnie.

Marilyn and Deb were at Standing Rock Community College on March 18th to formally discuss the program approval application process. Marilyn and Deb were very impressed with the Standing Rock facility. There was also discussion regarding the April meeting in Grand Forks. The Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday from 12:00 to 3:00.

CASES:

Buffy Plath

Ms. Plath wrote an NSF check. When the office tried to notify Ms. Plath of the NSF, it was also discovered that she was in a classroom teaching at Milnor, prior to her license being issued. Her license was issued on March 3. The Board needed to make a decision whether to pursue charges due to her NSF history and Ms. Plath being in

a classroom prior to the issuance of her license. Mary made the motion that the issuance of another teaching licence be delayed by the number of days that Ms. Plath had been teaching without a license. Seconded by Randy. Motion failed.

A new motion was made by Mike that Ms. Plath had been misled by her superintendent and a letter of reprimand be sent that her license be delayed by one week. Ms. Plath cannot be in a classroom prior to April 7. She will need to have the Milnor business manager document that she has indeed been out of the classroom for the one week duration. Motion seconded by Sue. Motion carried. Marilyn will have Doug Bahr write the letter on the Board's behalf. The Milnor superintendent, school board president, state's attorney and DPI will also be informed.

Hans Halvorson

Marilyn had Doug Bahr draft a letter to be sent to Mr. Halvorson for further information regarding possible case.

Gilbertson vs. Kent


Administrative Board members involved were: Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Randy Gordon and Sue Andrews. Motion made by Doug that case be dismissed based on evidence presented. Seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

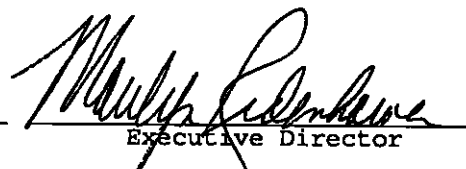
Marilyn reviewed the Attorney General's Opinion NDCC 15-38-19. The Board's function is only to review items based upon a paper trail. Then the board can recommend the hearing process (see letter dated 3/18/97). Marilyn also reminded the Board that effective July 1, 1997, the Board will be charged for any legal fees, such as attorney and hearing officer. Doug Bahr would still be our assigned attorney. Maryjane would like the Board to have their legal questions for the April/May meeting.

Marilyn had Gaylynn Becker report on basic skills testing or developing standards/benchmarks to safeguard literacy testing for dealing with our noncitizenship clause.

Clarence Bina will work with Marilyn to pursue a funding source.

Meeting adjourned 3:15.


Chair


Executive Director